

A regular meeting of the North Brunswick Township Council was held on Tuesday, September 6, 2016 at 7:10 P.M. in the Municipal Complex located at 710 Hermann Road, North Brunswick, Middlesex County, New Jersey.

Council President Corbin called the meeting to order.

Roll call:

Present: Ms. Narra, Messrs., Andrews, Davis and Corbin
Absent: Mr. Socio and Mayor Womack

Also present: Township Attorney, Ronald Gordon, Esq., Business Administrator, Kathryn Monzo, Assistant Business Administrator, Justine Progebin, Chief Financial Officer, Kala Sriranganathan, Director of Community Development, Michael Hritz, Director of Public Works, Eric Chaszar, Director of Parks, Recreation & Community Services, Lou Ann Benson, Director of Public Safety, Ken McCormick, Captain, Brian Hoiberg, Captain, Corey Harris, O.E.M. Coordinator, Mark Cafferty, Lieutenant Mike McGinn, Traffic Safety, Municipal Clerk, Lisa Russo and Deputy Clerk, Milvi Weiner.

Ms. Russo announced that the notice requirements of the law have been satisfied. Notices were sent by certified mail on January 4, 2016 to the following:

a) The Home News & Tribune b) Star Ledger c) North Brunswick Sentinel

Notice receipts are on file in the Township Clerk's office. Also, notices were posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Complex and filed in the Clerk's office on January 4, 2016.

Ms. Russo led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilman Davis announced to the residents that there will be a "Ribbon Cutting Ceremony" on September 7th at Veteran's Park from 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm and at 6:00 pm there will be a ceremony honoring Veteran's at Veteran's Way. Pavers are still available at the cost of \$75.00. Please contact Lou Ann Benson's office. September 11th Memorial Ceremony remembering the 15th Anniversary on the attack on our country to be held on September 11th at 8:30 am at the September 11th memorial Park.

"Proclamation: "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over":

Councilman Davis presented a proclamation to Lieutenant Mike McGinn, Traffic Safety Supervisor supporting the "Drive Sober or Get Pulled over 2016 Statewide Crackdown" from August 19th through September 5, 2016; which will be a on-going event. Approximately one-third of all fatal traffic crashed in the U.S. involve drunk drivers and 27% of motor vehicle fatalities in New Jersey in 2013 were alcohol related.

"Presentation: "Youth Sports Festival Organization":

Co-Chairmen, Rich Fabian and Rodney Reinson (Darren Snediker, Chairman was not present) presented donations back tot the town because of the success of the Youth Sports Festival this year. Fire Companies #1, #2 and #3 received \$275.00 each, North Brunswick Food Bank received \$1,000.00, \$1,500.00 toward the park ceremony, \$500.00 towards "National Night Out" and \$2,500.00 to a family in North Brunswick where the son was diagnosed with cancer and later the father was also diagnosed with cancer and 150 kites for the "Ribbon Cutting Ceremony" at Veteran's Park. The organization allowed any non-profit organization to raise funds for their organization. They thanked the Council, Lou Ann Benson and the Police Department for their help. The checks were given to Municipal Clerk, Lisa Russo.

Council President Corbin stated that the funds raised during the Youth Sports Festival go back to sports organizations and training. Children would learn how to interact instead of playing video games. Mayor Womack wishes he was here. Some of the volunteers that worked for the 11 days of the Youth Sports Festival are here at tonights meeting.

Council President Corbin administered the Oath of Office to: *"Police Officer Anthony M. Pinizzotto"*
"Sergeant Joseph Falcone"
"Sergeant Daniel Passafiume"

Assistant Business Administrator Justine Progebin presented the SFY 2017 Budget – as amended (see attachment)

Council President Corbin called for a motion approve Resolution #226-9-16 – "Amending the Introduced State Fiscal Year 2017 Municipal Budget, so moved by Mr. Davis, second by Ms. Nicola.

Roll call:

Present: Ms. Narra, Ms. Nicola, Messrs., Andrews, Davis and Corbin
Nays: none
Absent: Mr. Socio and Mayor Womack

Council President Corbin thanked Justine Progebin and Kala Sriranganthan for their hard work.

Council President Corbin opened the Public Hearing for the SFY 2017 Budget – as amended. No comments from the public.

Council President Corbin closed the Public Hearing for the SFY 2017 Budget – as amended. So moved by Ms. Nicola, second by Mr. Andrews.

Roll call:

Present: Ms. Narra, Ms. Nicola, Messrs., Andrews, Davis and Corbin
Nays: none
Absent: Mr. Socio and Mayor Womack

Chief Financial Officer, Kala Sriranganathan certified compliance with NJSA 40A:4-8 (Advertising, posting and distribution requirements)

Council President Corbin asked council members if any items are to be removed from the Consent Agenda. Motion made by Ms. Nicola to approve items “11a – 11q” on the agenda, second by Ms. Narra.

Roll call:

Present: Ms. Narra, Ms. Nicola, Messrs., Andrews, Davis and Corbin
Nays: none
Absent: Mr. Socio and Mayor Womack

Consent Agenda:

- a. NJ State Fireman’s Association: Michael Zimmerman / Fire Co. #1
- b. Authorizing the reinstatement of installment payments for property owners within Belcourt at Hidden Lake for Water Service Project 227-9.16
- c. Establishing curfew for October 30, 2016, Mischief Night and October 31, 2016, Halloween Night 228-9.16
- d. Adopting the State Fiscal Year 2017 Municipal Budget as amended 229-9.16
- e. Authorizing the application and acceptance of a grant from the State of New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety 230-9.16
- f. Authorizing the acceptance of the sale of auctioned motor vehicles 231-9.16
- g. Authorizing the acceptance of the State of New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety Division of Criminal Justice Safe and Secure Communities Program State Fiscal Year 2016 232-9.16
- h. Authorizing a road closure on Cedar Avenue 233-9.16
- i. Authorizing an amendment to agreement with Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. for Wastewater Collection System Oversight Services 234-9.16
- j. Amending Contract BID15003 with CMS Construction for the Edly’s Lane Pump Station By-Pass Project Close Out Change Order No. 1 - \$25,563.39 235-9.16
- k. Authorizing the Mayor and Township Clerk to execute a Treatment Works Approval Permit application for the New Jersey Transit County Yard Project in support of the relocation of a portion of the Mile Run Sewer Interceptor 236-9.16
- l. Authorizing adjustments to Township residents for their water-sewer utility account 237-9.16
- m. Authorizing the advertisement for the receipt of bids under the Department of Public Works for Snow Removal Services 238-9.16
- n. Amending MRESC Co-Op Contract with National Benefit Services, LLC to include Health Savings Account Management 239-9.16
- o. Supporting a contract between North Brunswick Volunteer Engine Company #2, Inc. for the acquisition of a Seagrave Ladder Fire Truck 240-9.16
- p. Authorizing a Collective Bargaining Agreement with the RWDSU Local 108 – Blue Collar Division, with a term commencing January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2017 241-9.16
- q. Payment of Bills 242-9.16

Council President Corbin called for a motion to approve item #12 on the Agenda. Approval of minutes: Special Council Meeting / July 25, 2016. So moved by Ms. Narra, second by Mr. Andrews.

Roll call:

Present: Ms. Narra, Ms. Nicola, Messrs., Andrews and Corbin
Nays: none
Abstain: Mr. Davis
Absent: Mr. Socio and Mayor Womack

Council President Corbin called for a motion to approve item #12 on the Agenda. Approval of minutes: Regular Council Meeting / August 1, 2016. So moved by Ms. Nicola, second by Mr. Andrews.

Roll call:

Present: Ms. Narra, Ms. Nicola, Messrs., Andrews and Corbin
Nays: none
Abstain: Mr. Davis
Absent: Mr. Socio and Mayor Womack

Public Hearing: Authorizing the Public and Private Improvements Performance Bond Releases for
Doloma Investment of North Brunswick, Inc.

Council President Corbin opened the Public Hearing. No comments from the public. Council President Corbin called for a motion to close the public hearing, so moved by Mr. Davis, second by Ms. Nicola.

Authorizing the Public and Private Improvements Performance Bond Releases for Doloma
Investment of North Brunswick, Inc. _____243-9.16

Council President Corbin called for a motion to approve Resolution #243-9.16 - “Authorizing the Public and Private Improvements Performance Bond Releases for Doloma Investment of North Brunswick, Inc.”, so moved by Mr. Davis, second by Ms. Nicola.

Roll call:

Present: Ms. Narra, Ms. Nicola, Messrs., Andrews, Davis and Corbin
Nays: none
Absent: Mr. Socio and Mayor Womack

Ordinance / First Reading / Introduction:

#16-18 – An Ordinance amending and supplementing Chapter 276, “Sewer” Article II, “Facilities Charges”
Section 276-35, “Charges” of the Code of the Township of North Brunswick

Council President Corbin called for a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 16-18. So moved by Ms. Nicola, second by Mr. Davis, second reading and public hearing to be held at a regular meeting on September 19, 2016 at 7:00 P.M. in the Municipal Complex, 710 Hermann Road, North Brunswick, Middlesex County, New Jersey following legal publication in the September 9, 2016 issue of the Home News and Tribune as according to law. This Ordinance is posted in the Municipal Complex and copies are available upon request.

Roll call:

Present: Ms. Narra, Ms. Nicola, Messrs., Andrews, Davis and Corbin
Nays: none
Absent: Mr. Socio and Mayor Womack

Ordinance / Second Reading / Public Hearing:

#16-15 – Bond Ordinance providing for Capital Improvements for and by the Township of North Brunswick, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey, appropriating the aggregate amount of \$6,350,000 therefor and authorizing the issuance of \$6,032,500 in Bonds or Notes of the Township to finance part of the cost thereof

Council President Corbin called for a motion to carry Ordinance #16-15 to the next meeting on September 12th, so moved by Ms. Nicola, second by Mr. Davis.

Roll call:

Present: Ms. Narra, Ms. Nicola, Messrs., Andrews, Davis and Corbin
Nays: none
Absent: Mr. Socio and Mayor Womack

#16-16 – State Fiscal Year 2017 Ordinance to exceed the Municipal Budget appropriation limits and to establish a CAP Bank (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)

Council President Corbin opened the public hearing on Ordinance #16-16. No comments from the public. Motion made by Mr. Davis, second by Mr. Andrews that the public hearing be closed.

Council President Corbin called for a motion to adopt Ordinance # 16-16. So moved by Mr. Davis, second by Mr. Andrews, Ordinance No. 16-16 approved on second and final reading and referred to the Mayor for his action and then published in the September 9, 2016 issue of the Home News and Tribune.

Roll call:

Present: Ms. Narra, Ms. Nicola, Messrs., Andrews, Davis and Corbin
Nays: none
Absent: Mr. Socio and Mayor Womack

#16-17 – An Ordinance of the Township Council of North Brunswick amending and fixing the salary and wages for various officials and employees of the Township of North Brunswick providing for the manner of payment thereof

Council President Corbin opened the public hearing on Ordinance #16-17. No comments from the public. Motion made by Mr. Davis, second by Mr. Andrews that the public hearing be closed.

Council President Corbin called for a motion to adopt Ordinance # 16-17. So moved by Mr. Davis, second by Mr. Andrews, Ordinance No. 16-17 approved on second and final reading and referred to the Mayor for his action and then published in the September 9, 2016 issue of the Home News and Tribune.

Roll call:

Present: Ms. Narra, Ms. Nicola, Messrs., Andrews, Davis and Corbin
Nays: none
Absent: Mr. Socio and Mayor Womack

Reports from Mayor, Council, Administrator, CFO:

Mr. Davis- Linwood & WCTC essay contest – 1st prize 6th grade science class.

Ms. Nicola – congratulated the Police Department for a successful “National Night Out” and thanked the police department for making our township feel safe and secure.

Council President Corbin opened the Public Hearing at 8:02 pm.

Mr. Pillman – he did not have a good experience with the North Brunswick Police Department. He is an advocate and activist that attends different meetings. He does not condone the whole police department. Mr. Pillman was stopped by a “new” officer and stated that his demeanor was totally unacceptable and that the other officers with him joined in the unprofessionalism.

Council President Corbin asked Mr. Pillman if the incident was reported?

Mr. Pillman – waiting for response from internal affairs investigation – issue is not if he is guilty – if a police officer writes a ticket – goes through the process even if he made a mistake – process needs to be changes – ticket should be able to be ripped up right then and there. He wants to assist in correcting a wrong – issue within the department that is not corrected.

Mr. Nastus – gave a list of situations on Livingston Avenue at the last meeting on August 1st, but has not received any feedback yet.

Mr. Corbin – Mr. Hritz addressed most of the concerns.

Mr. Hritz – items on the list were abated or in some form of abatement. Graffiti on Amtrak property – no way to clean it up. Mr. Lombard had addresses this with him numerous times.

Mr. Nastus – call Amtrak to get permission to get on the property.

Mr. Hritz – renewed attempt – frustrates him – will put this on his agenda.

Mr. Nastus – when will he get feedback?

Mr. Hritz – next meeting.

Mr. Nastus – flags along Livingston Avenue to his are in violation.

Mr. Hritz – not true – types of flags - discussed with Council – supporters of flags – small businesses use them. Banner flags – pole in the ground along Rte. 1 and Rte. 130.

Ms. Nicola – is there a time limit?

Mr. Hritz – no enforcement

Ms. Nicola – personally does not like them – ok for grand openings or for 30 days only.

Mr. Nastus – take them down – they are illegal and issue summons.

Mr. Corbin – types of sign – Mike Proietti looked at ordinance.

Mr. Nastus – Fleetwood and How Lane – whole block. He asks if Ms. Nicola would be available to go out with him.

Mr. Gordon – responded that we do not assign council people to do this.

Mr. Hritz – significant sign removal after meeting – staff swept corridor – pending violation on fence

Mr. Nastus – veterinarian’s property – violation of weeds – burglars hid behind bushes - \$10,000 worth in damage – to plumbing and electrical work in newly reconstructed property.

Mr. Hritz – since Mr. Nastus makes statements in public – inspector was sent out twice – violation – re-inspection & abatement. He makes it seem like nothing has been done. There may be a vegetation problem now since it was last inspected in July, August.

Mr. Nastus – pictures now of garbage, vegetation and fence line.

Mr. Corbin – recommended not to get into arguments.

Mr. Nastus – difference in opinion

Mr. Corbin – problems addressed – people sent out – list what have been done – bring in pictures and show Council

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Mr. Andrews – Department Heads work everyday – address directly to the department. Code Enforcement – judge and jury – change ordinance if needed – if the department head is not addressing the problem then come before the Council – this is not a public forum to give pictures. He is the first one to be addressed – some items take time – that is his job – month after month coming to meeting – not fair.

Mr. Nastus – Mr. Proietti took pictures – problem is still there – no one got back to him – lives behind property that got robbed.

Mr. Andrews – has reports that shrubbery was cut twice.

Mr. Nastus - never got cut – garbage under bus bench – still there. Property at 3 Edgewood Place – Jimmy Donato used to complain about the two cars under cover with either Florida of here license plates – overgrown vegetation.

Mr. Hritz – no action being taken – home is satisfactory – met with gentleman and talked with neighbors. No further action to be taken – nothing seems to satisfy you – “closed matter.”

Mr. Nastus – violation for that by the health department.

Mr. Corbin – Mr. Hritz has answered his question – health not his department. Any complaints appropriate department – not going to debate matter of opinion.

Mr. Nastus – this section of town overgrown vegetation and burglaries.

Ms. Narra – bringing up an address – unfair to fellow residents – put through the ringer – review – summons – fines.

Issues – let his department address them and see what has been done. People that live there – neighbors are contacted – neighbors are satisfied – you got to let go – publicly shamed constantly.

Mr. Nastus – his opinion of what over grown vegetation is different than the opinion of the seven people in front of him.

Mr. Andrews – he does not live there – neighbors say it is fine. If nine out of 10 issues were taken care – was he notified when two abatements done?

Mr. Hrita – Mr. Nastus is in the building regularly – list was welcomed – fair –all reasonable – made good progress – some may take longer for example Amtrak.

Mr. Andrews – ruling made – got to let go – long period of time – do not want the town to go backwards – not harass people – not fair to people.

Mr. Nastus – if Code Enforcement is circling town why aren't they noticing issues.

Mr. Hritz – 1156 Livingston Avenue – enormous dead tree – spent thousands of dollars over time – argued could not afford to remove it. Extensions given – monitored property – not at the speed of his interest – maintains natural wooded state. Mr. Nastus suggests nothing was done.

Mr. Andrews – we have come to a stand- off – bought list in – engaged in report.

Mr. Hritz – he used to respond to Mr. Nastus in writing but has gone away from it.

Mr. Nastus – he drove down Livingston avenue and wrote down everything – difference of opinion on how high grass should be. He received a letter from the Health Department stating that his grass is too high and that would harbor rodents but the letter was from ten years ago.

Ms. Narra – feels Mr. Hritz does not have to inform him about an individual homeowners financial difficulties – that is their business – be respective – not obligated to tell him.

Mr. Nastus 0 he received no response with what he bought in and he wanted it to be put on public record. What he does should clean up the town and bring money in.

Mr. Davis – Mr. Nastus has bought complaints in before Mayor Womack and has addressed them. If things were that bad as he says then there would be more people in the court room besides just him. He does not live near the areas he complains about and can't drive entirely around town doing this.

Council President Corbin called for a motion to close the Public Hearing. No motion.

Mr. Andrews – he would Mr. Nastus to take issues to Mr. Hritz first and he can send him a copy. It is their job to follow up. It is fine bringing things up but they should report things back to him – someone added to staff to do this.

Council President Corbin called for a motion to close the Public Hearing; so moved by Ms. Nicola, second by Mr. Andrews.

Roll call:

Present: Ms. Narra, Ms. Nicola, Messrs., Andrews, Davis and Corbin

Nays: none

Absent: Mr. Socio and Mayor Womack

Council President Corbin called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. So moved by Mr. Andrews, second by Ms. Nicola.

Roll call:

Present: Ms. Narra, Ms. Nicola, Messrs., Andrews, Davis and Corbin

Nays: none

Absent: Mr. Socio and Mayor Womack

Adjourn: 8:49 pm

**Municipal Clerk
Lisa Russo**

